GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Rural Development Department – Social Security Pensions (SSP) under NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme – Pensions to Transgender – Guidelines for implementation of the Scheme – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 7 **Dated: 25-01-2018**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.135, PR & RD (RD.I) Department, Dated:17.09.2014.
2. G.O.Ms.No.144, PR & RD (RD.I) Department, Dated: 19-11-2014.
3. G.O.Ms.No.20, Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens (Prog.II), Dt:30.12.2017.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, Government have issued guidelines for verification of eligibility of existing Pensioners and collection of application of new Pensions to Old Age, Widow, Weavers, Toddy Tappers and Aids patients and people with Disabilities. In the reference second read above, orders have been issued for change of nomenclature of Social Security Pension (SSP) as NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, orders were issued approving certain points under the "Transgender Policy" in order to include them in Society, provide social protection to the Transgenders and provide them with proper Educational facilities, Health facilities and Basic Amenities such as Water Supply, Sanitation, Housing facilities and provision of Employment. One of the points in the Transgender Policy is to sanction of pension of Rs.1500/- per person to the Transgender of age of 18 years and above, on submission of Medical Certificate.

3. Government after careful consideration of the matter, hereby issue the following operational guidelines for implementation of the Pension Scheme for transgenders:-

Type of Pension : Transgender Pension

Amount of Pension : Rs.1500/-

Eligibility Criteria:

a. The beneficiary should be from BPL Category
b. Age – 18 years and above.
c. Certificate of Gender identity shall be issued by the appropriate Medical Authority as decided by Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department.

Submission of application:

Prospective beneficiaries shall submit their applications to the MPDO / Municipal Commissioner either directly or through the Panchayat Secretary / Bill Collector along with enclosures i.e., copy of Ration card/ Aadhaar card and Certificate of Gender Identity, and Affidavit with undertaking that the individual will relinquish begging, extortion and prostitution.

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Procedure for sanction:

The Mandal Parishad Development Officer / Municipal Commissioner shall verify the certificate of Gender Identity issued by the competent Medical Authority as decided by Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department, subject to eligibility in terms of procedure followed in the Process and disbursement of pensions and guidelines issued by this Department from time to time and shall upload the applications through NTR Bharosa Web Portal for release of Pension to Transgender Persons, keeping in view of the vulnerability of transgender community, verification of eligibility by the Janma Bhoomi Maa Vooru (JBMV) Committees is relaxed, as in the case of ART Pensions and Pensions to persons affected with Chronic Kidney Diseases of unknown origin (CKDU).

4. The Commissioner, PR & RD/Chief Executive Officer, Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action for effective implementation of the Scheme.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Commissioner, PR & RD, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, A.P., Vijayawada.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the Project Directors, DRDA in the State.
The PS Secretary to Govt., Dept., for W,C,DA & SC's
The PS to Secretary to CM
The PS to Minister (SERP, W,C,DA&SC's)
The PS to Secretary (SERP)

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